SUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the shortcomings of present system of redressal of grievances in the Super Bazar, Government had asked Super Bazar to explore the possibility of formulating a system equivalent to Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) for tackling disputes and framing rules regarding service matters, code of conduct ; discipline among staff and by General Managers ;

(b) whether the proposal has been accepted by Super Bazar Administration ;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to bring a bill in this regard ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से आयातित बटर आयल की आपूर्ति

1725. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह :**

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :

क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से उपभोक्ताओ/राशनकार्ड धारियों को आयातित बटर आयल की आपूर्ति करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली में इसका विक्रय मूल्य क्या होगा और राशन कार्डधारियों को इसकी कब और कितनी मात्रा में आपूर्ति की जायेगी, और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज)।

(क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Constituting Cost of Production of Coal

1726. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the various components and their respective percentage in constituting the cost of production of coal in BCCL, in 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1994, facts in details ;

(b) whether there is a steady decrease of the percentage of workers salary in the cost of production in the process of mechanisation for this period ;

(c) whether there is a steady increase in the cost of production loss and the price of coal for the same period; and if so, the details thereof ;

(d) the justification of such mechanisation ;

(e) whether there is a drain in the process not shown in the accounts ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) According to Coal India Ltd., details of various components of cost and their respective percentages in the total cost of production of coal in BCCL in 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1994 were as under :

	1980	1985	1990	1994
Salaries & Wages	66.32%	59.98%	61.15%	52.03%
Stores	10.67%	10.13%	9.70%	11.73%
Power	5.71%	8.37%	6.41%	7.37%
Depreciation	4.47%	7.18%	8.23%	7.94%
Interest	3.37%	7.36%	7.42%	8.46%
Others	9.45%	6.98%	7.10%	12.47%
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

(b) The percentage of Salaries and Wages in the total cost of coal production has come down. However, it would be incorrect to ascribe it only to mechanisation.

(c) Cost of production, losses and sale value of coal during the aforesaid periods has increased as indicated below :

	1980	1985	1990	1994
Cost of production (Rs./tonne)	129.14	281.34	370.71	526.66
Loss (Rs./tonne)	22.65	102.90	94.20	65.31
Sale value (Rs./tonne)	106.49	178.44	276.51	461.35

(d) to (f) It may not be appropriate to establish a direct correlation between increase in losses and mechanisation. According to CIL main reasons for losses are as follows :

(i) Complex geo-mining conditions in BCCL give rise to extensive water-logged workings as a result of which power consumption and the pumping cost is substantially higher. Besides, stowing has to be resorted to in a large number of cases for exploitation of thick and contiguous seams which becomes very costly.

(ii) Decline in underground production and OMS coupled with successive wage increase under National Coal Wage Agreement and the impact of interest depreciation.

Expenditure on air Travel

1727. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 6233 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1994 and state :

(a) the details of the rule that endorses not maintaining separately the expenditure on air travel by the BCCL officials;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) details of the checks maintained to eliminate misuse of air travel without keeping accounts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The accounts in BCCL are maintained as required by Law. There appears to be no rule/legal provision requiring companies to separately maintain the expenditure on air travels. Audit both internal and external examines Books of Accounts including air travel. Complaints of misuse of air travel if any, would also attract departmental/legal action as per rules.

Tribal Workers in BCCL

1728. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Reference Case No. 40/89 got award in favour of tribal workers of BCCL in 1992 through the Central Government's Industrial Tribunal, Dhanbad;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management has neither got stay in any higher Court, not implemented the award ;

(c) whether non-implementation of an award without getting a stay is legal and if not, the steps taken on the illegality of the BCCL management; and

(d) whether Government approved such illegality

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Management of BCCL, who were to implement the Award, filed on Special Leave Petition before the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court directed the BCCL to file a Writ Petition before the High Court. The management of BCCL has not only filed the writ petition in the High Court in terms of permission accorded by the Supreme Court but has also filed a separate petition of stay.

Loading of coal by Contract System

1729. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that loading and unloading of coal by contract system has been prohibited by the Central Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite prohibited the system is still continuing in BCCL;

(c) if so, the facts in details and the reasons thereof ; and

(d) whether there is different law for mechanical loading of coal and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Engagement of contract labour in coal loading and unloading is prohibited under the Contract I about (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

(b) and c) In BCCL, manual coal loading is done through departmental labour. However, due to irregular supply of wagons by the Railways mechanical loading of coal is resorted to through payloaders of cotractors.

(d) There is no law prohibiting mechanised loading of coal.

Coal Washery Project in U.P.

1730. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the Centre to set up a Coal washery project in Mirzapur with the assistance of the Coal India Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places in U.P. where coal washeries are working and the capacity of each coal washery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.